THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) New Green field airports are likely to be operationalised at Hyderabad and Bangalore during the current financial year.

(b) to (d) It has been decided to set up a Green field airport with an estimated cost of Rs. 340 crore at Pakyong near Gangtok within a period of 36 months from the date of receipt of requisite clearance. The matter regarding funding pattern of the airport is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

Development of airport in Mumbai

178. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that City Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra has submitted at Master Plan accommodating two independent parallel runways proposal to Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that study conducted by International Civil Aviation Organization has suggested that simultaneous and independent operation of both Mumbai and Navi Mumbai Airports is feasible;

(d) if so, by when Government are going to approve the proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. city and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO) had submitted a detailed proposal for the construction of a new international airport at Navi Mumbai with two parallel runways capable of handling simultaneous operations independently.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 'In principle' approval of the competent authority has already been conveyed at Government of Maharashtra.

(e) Does not arise.

Quality of runways

179. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the quality of runways particularly in metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The concerned airport-operators continuously monitor the quality of runway surface and runway strength at their respective airports to ensure that they are as per internationally prescribed standards and specifications. At the time of the commissioning of a

new airport, the concerned airport-operators on design basis, is required to issue a certificate indicating Permanent Classification Number (PCN) of pavements *e.g.* runways, taxi-ways, aprons.

Greenfield Airports Policy

180. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a bid to improve connectivity in the country, the Ministry's draft Greenfield airports policy has listed a number of steps that State Governments could take including to provide comparatively cheaper land, fiscal incentives like tax exemptions, real estate development rights in adjacent areas and provide connectivity to the airport to make these projects viable;

(b) if so, whether the policy has already been cleared by Government; and

(c) if so, to what extent this policy will help in modernising 35 non-metro airports which are being considered by the Airports Authority of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A new policy for Greenfield Airports is under formulation and discussion.

Profit/Loss incurred by airports

181. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of nearly 90 airports being used for commercial operations in the country, only 17 are making profits and rest are incurring losses;

(b) if so, the details of airports earning profits, State-wise, amount of profit earned during last three years, year-wise;

(c) loss incurred by other airports during last three years, year-wise and airport-wise;

(d) how Government are planning to offset the losses incurred by airports; and

(e) how airports under the control of AAI are planning to compete with private airports which are going to come up very shortly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Out of 127 airports of Airports Authority of India (AAI), only 15 airports (including Civil Enclave) made profits during 2006-07. The details of their operating results are given in Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) Details of losses incurred in other airports during last three years are given in Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) While many of the loss making airports are being maintained on socio-economic considerations, AAI is making efforts to increase non traffic revenue at airports by better exploitation of commercial opportunities. The city side development of select 24 of the 35 non metro airports, taken up for modernisation, is being undertaken through Public-Private Partnership mode so as to ensure private participation in this effort.

(e) An outlay of Rs. 12435 crores has been envisaged during Eleventh Plan to improve airport infrastructure and passenger facilities at the AAI airports in the country.